

**National Federation of Democratic Women**  
**Resolution Supporting Action to Address Gun Violence:**  
**Universal Background Checks**

**WHEREAS**, it is an unacceptable and avoidable national tragedy to lose close to 40,000 lives annually to gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, because of current loopholes in existing law, one of every five gun sales in America is conducted without a background check where no questions are asked, while a 2018 study showed that 97% of all Americans support expanding background checks to include so-called “private sales” occurring at gun shows and over the internet; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. House of Representatives on February 27 overwhelmingly passed H.R. 8, “The Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019,” requiring that all gun sales be subjected to a background check. Unfortunately, Majority Leader McConnell has thus far refused to allow S. 42, the Senate companion bill, to be brought to the floor of that body.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Federation of Democratic Women hereby supports the passage of legislation requiring expanded background checks as a common-sense approach to help keep guns out of the wrong hands and furthermore urges an immediate debate on this legislation in the U.S. Senate so that the will of a sound majority is respected as it was in the U.S. House.